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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Unchanged in January

HARRISBURG, PA, Feb 15, 2008- - Milk production in Pennsylvania during January 2008 totaled 900 million pounds, unchanged from last January's production of 900 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 552,000 head, up 2,000 head from December but 3,000 head more than January 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,630 pounds for the month of January, 10 pounds more than December's estimate of 1,620 pounds, but 10 pounds less than January a year ago. Pennsylvania's milk production for 2007 totaled 10,682 billion pounds, down 60 million pounds or 0.6 percent from 2006. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in milk production for 2007, behind California, Wisconsin, New York, and Idaho. The average number of milk cows during the year was 550,000, which was 4,000 less than the previous year. Production per cow during 2007 totaled 19,422 pounds, compared to 19,390 pounds during 2006.

Milk production in the 23 states surveyed during January 2008 totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from production in these same states in January 2007. December unrevised production, at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 2.8 percent from December 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,743 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2007. The number of milk cows on farms averaged 8.40 million head, 120,000 head more than January 2007, and 15,000 head more than December 2007. The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2007 was 186 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above 2006. Revisions to 2006 production decreased the annual total by 2 million pounds. Revised 2007 production was up 3 million pounds from last month's publication. Average milk production per cow in the U.S. for 2007 averaged 20,267 pounds, 316 pounds above 2006. Average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 17.9 percent from 1998. The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2007 was 9.16 million head, up 0.5 percent from 2006. Average number of milk cows was revised up 5,000 head for 2007.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Jan 2008	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008
Milk Cows	Thous.	549	550	552	8,284	8,389	8,404
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,640	1,620	1,630	1,726	1,718	1,743
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	900	891	900	14,302	14,414	14,648



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